

Hot Dog Day at Alfred University

Yes, Alfred has a Hot Dog Day! It all began in 1972 as the idea of two students, Mark O'Meara and Eric "Rick" Vaughn. The event is focused on that ever-popular (and inexpensive) student staple, the hot dog. This totally student-run event (by students at both Alfred University and Alfred State College) raises money for local charities and community-based civic organizations. Hot Dog Day has come to mark the beginning of spring in Alfred. Typically held the third weekend in April, it features a parade, ice cream social, fun run, mud Olympics, arts & crafts show and a carnival. Alfred's Main Street is closed off for booths featuring food, games, and entertainment. Each year over 5000 hot dogs are served and about \$6000 is raised.



Serving hot dogs in 1982



Hot dog eating contest, 1981



Ice cream social, 1986



Mud Olympics, 1994